

# Takes Willow Creek honors for 4th year

Treve Gray is the overall winner at the Willow Creek Invitational for the fourth time. The Pendleton golfer earned the championship with a low gross of 130 for 36 holes in two days of play. He won a set of Wilson clubs for his efforts.

Gray, with partner Bob O'Doherty, finished first in sole survivor play, the first time Gray has placed in the money for that event.

One hundred golfers competed in the two-day annual tournament for additional prizes including a set of irons, set of woods, golf balls and putters.

Winners of last weekend's invitational are listed below:

Championship Flight  
Low gross-Treve Gray,

Pendleton, 36 holes, 130; second low gross-John Edmundson, Heppner, 132; third low gross-Darrel Simmons-Portland, 135; a tie for fourth low gross between Gary Alexanian-Boardman and Ernie Christiansen-Tacoma, 140.

Low net- Mick Rothwell-Burns, 110; second low net-Rick Bordenkircher-Hines, 114; third low net-Dennis Gronquist-Arlington, 116; fourth low net-Gary Watkins, Heppner, 116.

First Flight  
Low gross-Dave Harrison, Cheney, 136; second low gross-Bill Dyer, Condon, 141; third low gross-Johnny Shaw, Heppner, 144; fourth low gross-Doug Smith, Heppner, 144.

Low net-Dave Gunderson, Heppner, 108; second low net-Wayland Hyatt, Heppner, 109; third low net-George Waterland, Heppner, 111; fourth low net-Barry Munkers, Heppner, 112.

Second Flight  
Low gross-Bob Jepsen, Heppner, 148; second low gross-Mike McKelding, Aloha, 152; third low gross-Frank Bailey, Heppner, 152; fourth low gross-Doug Gunderson, Heppner, 156.

Low net-Ed Hiemstra, Heppner, 106; second low net-Dave Mitchell, Heppner, 110; third low net-Matt Murray, Heppner, 113; fourth low net-Ted Toll, Heppner, 115.

Third Flight  
Low gross-Dave McLeod,

Portland, 148; second low gross, Jerry Daggett, Heppner, 154; third low gross-Terry McMichael, Helix-163; fourth low gross-Jerry Cutsforth-Heppner, 167.

Low net-Marvin Lane-Heppner, 99; second low net-Bob O'Doherty, Prineville, 101; third low net-Ray French, Heppner, 111; fourth low net-Mike Doherty, Heppner, 117.

Sole Survivor  
First-Treve Gray and Bob O'Doherty; second-Mike Rothwell and Norm Grey, and third Gary Alexanian and Bill Scharn.

## W.C.C.C. Golf

On Thursday, June 19 Lois Hunt, Bev Wilson, Dorothy Hawkins, Barbara Cutsforth and Norma French from Willow Creek Country Club traveled to Canyon Lakes Country Club at Kennewick, Washington for a visitation.

Low gross was won by Bev Wilson and low net by Barbara Cutsforth.

On Tuesday, June 24th the Ladies of Willow Creek Country Club hosted the following Country Club ladies for a 9-hole visitation: Canyon Lakes, Sham-Na-Plum, Pendleton, Lower Valley, Meadow Springs, and Tri-City Country Club.

The following prizes were given: Canyon Lakes: Debbie Buchingham-100 gross, Sally Krauten-low net.

Sham-Na-Plum: low gross-Ruth Palmer, low net-Ann Dejong.

Pendleton: low gross-Margaret Thorne.

Lower Valley: low gross-Rita Blunk, low net-Betty Zabel.

Meadow Springs: first low gross-Edna Sevier, second low gross-Bernice Handy, low net-Betty Shinn.

Tri-City Country Club: low gross-Mamie London, low net-a tie between Helen Mitchell and Maxine Sayle.

There were 19 Willow Creek Country Club ladies present with the following ladies winning prizes:

A tie for first low gross between Wanda Willis and Barbara Cutsforth.

Second low gross-Dorothy Hawkins.

First low net-Jo Pettyjohn.

Second low net-Lucille Peck.

Third low net-Eileen Padberg.

Long drive on No. 1-Barbara Cutsforth.

Long drive on No. 7 Pat Edmundson.

K.P. No. 4-Lucille Peck.

Chip-ins-Mae Olsen and Muriel Palmer.

Low gross for the field-Pat Edmundson.

Low net for the field-Wilma McBride.

On Wednesday, June 25 Muriel Palmer, Jan Paustain, Eileen Padberg, Neoma Bailey, Barbara Cutsforth, Pat Edmundson, Lois Hunt, Dorothy Hawkins, Sharon Harrison, Juanita Martin, Norma French, Harriet Evans, Doris Graves and Doll Campbell traveled to Willow Run Country Club at Boardman for an enjoyable day of golf.

Those ladies from W.C.C.C. winning prizes were:

Low gross-Pat Edmundson.

Low net-Barbara Cutsforth.

K.P. on No. 4-Doll Campbell.

K.P. on No. 7-Bev Wilson.

Door prize-Norma French.

## Flag tournament slated

There will be a family barbecue and play day Flag Tournament at Willow Creek Country Club on Sunday July 6 at 4 p.m.

Hosts for the afternoon are: Earl and Peggy Fishburn; committee members Earl and Carol Norris, Wayland and Pat Hyatt, Elvyn and Pat Bell, Les and Jan Paustain, Dave and Coral Mitchell.

Each family will bring their own meat to barbecue. Those whose names begin with "A through I" bring dessert; "J through Z" bring salad.

## Fair Board met at La Grande

Local Fair Board members Charles Daly, Harold Pck and Merlyn Robinson joined Fair Board members and managers from across the state at La Grande, June 22, for the Oregon Fairs Association spring meeting.

Steve McCulloch, state president, presided over the Board of Directors meeting held at the Union County Fairgrounds. Preceding the meetings, Union County hosted a barbecue on their grounds, Saturday evening, June 21, for members and

Updates on legislation effecting fairs, bylaws, and racing reports were discussed at the meeting. Fairs receive a portion of racing funds which have declined in recent years due to the economy and over-lapping of dates for horse and dog meets as sanctioned by the Racing Commission. All counties are assisting financially in a state economic impact study of Oregon fairs to provide needed statistics of fairs and fairgrounds. The Boards set a fall meeting at Salem and the format, workshops and speakers for the December convention to be held in Portland.

Following lunch, Charles Daly, Area IV Director, conducted a meeting pertaining to similar problems of Eastern Oregon Fairs. Attendance tallying, auditing, appropriation and use of funds, lottery money usage, merit rating, and cost-cutting measures, were among issues talked about at this meeting.

## G-T to close for 4th

The Heppner Gazette-Times office will be closed this Friday, July 4. Deadlines for news and advertising for next week's newspaper will be 5 p.m. Monday and 5 p.m. Tuesday as usual.

Have a happy Fourth of July.

## Sports Opinion

# The Sixth Man

By Ashley Conklin

With summer just officially a little over a week old, the game of summer, baseball, nears its halfway point with the major league all-star game just over two weeks away. This year's star-studded contest, dominated for years by the National League, will take place in the Houston Astro dome on July 15.

So far the major league season has been dominated by the New York Mets in the National League and the Boston Red Sox in the American League.

The Mets, having finished second in the NL's Eastern Division the last two years, own the league's best record with a 49-21 mark (after Sunday's games).

The Mets seem to be doing no wrong. They lead the NL in team batting average and runs scored; are third in team ERA (earned run average); and are nearly 10 games ahead of second place Montreal.

The Mets have four players hitting nearly .300 (after Friday's game) have somebody in the top five in almost every offensive category; and all four starting pitchers have eight or more wins.

Meanwhile the Red Sox have earned the top spot in the AL East with dominant pitching.

Roger Clemens, who earlier struck out 20 Seattle Mariners to set a major league record for a nine inning game, is a perfect 14-0, leads the AL in strikeouts, and has an ERA under 2.50.

If that isn't enough, Dennis "Oil Can" Boyd is 10-5. Bruce Hurst had led the AL in strikeouts before he went on the disabled list and Al Nipper has just come off the DL. And last, but probably most important, Boston acquired veteran ace Tom Seaver from the Chicago White Sox on Sunday, which may have locked up a World Series appearance for the Sox.

The most unusual thing about Boston's drive to the top is that they are doing it with pitching and not hitting.

The Red Sox have an AL-leading 3.47 team ERA and the last time they led the league in pitching was in 1914, the year a guy by the name of Babe Ruth was a rookie.

Boston, despite Wade Boggs chasing the magical mark of a .400 batting average, are hitting a respectable .269 as a team, but have hit only 51 home runs.

The Red Sox rank only 13th, out of 14 AL teams in home runs, and Boston usually clubs home runs easily in the confines of Fensway Park and its feared Green Monster.

While New York and Boston are running away with the Eastern Division races, the West races are neck-and-neck.

In the NL West, three of last year's doormats, the Atlanta Braves, Houston Astros, and San Francisco Giants are in that upper echelon.

The Braves have gotten there thanks to the power of Bob Horner and Dale Murphy, the Astros with the starting pitching of Mike Scott and relief work of Dave Smith, and the Giants have relied on young bats and the pitch of the '80's, the split-fingered fastball installed by manager Roger Craig.

The AL West once again belongs to the California Angels and world-champion Kansas City Royals, but he Texas Rangers down-in-the-dumps, year after year, are storming to the lead as well.

The Angels have captivated the baseball world with "Wally World," rookie first baseman Wally Jayne, who is tied for the major league lead in homers at 19.

The amazing thing about the Royals is that despite the disappearing act of Bret Saberhagen, last year's Cy Young winner, but only 4-8 this year, they are still contending. The Royals landed the biggest surprise of the season by luring Heisman Trophy winner Bo Jackson away from football.

Texas, like Boston, has relied on pitching, and a team .263 batting average.

Below is a look at the all-star teams for the two leagues.

National League  
First Base-Keith Hernandez, New York Mets (.299, 5HR, 31 RBI). The fans overwhelming choice over San Diego's Steve Garvey and rightfully so.

Second Base-The fans like the power of 1984 MVP Ryne Sandberg of the Chicago Cubs (.286, 8 HR, 42 RBI). I like Los Angeles' Steve Sax (.310), Johnny Ray of Pittsburg is also very solid.

Third Base-Philadelphia's Mike Schmidt is having another great year (.310, 14 HR, 52 RBI). But how about the comeback effort of New York's Ray Knight (.305, 8 HR)?

Shortstop-For year's St. Louis' Ozzie Smith had a lock on this position and is having his best year ever at the plate (.298). But one cannot forget the year Hubie Brooks of Montreal is having (.332, 13 HR, 47 RBI).

Outfield-The fans will go with Darryl Strawberry of New York (.279, 9 HR, 36 RBI), Dale Murphy of Atlanta (.276, 12 HR, 32 RBI) and Tony Gwynn of San Diego (.350, 49 runs). Keep Gwynn, but add Tim Raines, Montreal (.325, 45 Runs, 31 SB) and Mike Marshall of Los Angeles (.266, 17 HR, 46 RBI) who has carried LA all season.

Catcher-Gary Carter, New York (.243, 13 HR, 50 RBI). Close behind are the defensive prowess of Chicago's Jody Davis and the all-around play of Pittsburg's Tony Pena.

Pitcher-A tough choice since there is no dominant NL pitcher. Good choices include Dwight Gooden, New York (8-3, 88 SO, 2.60 ERA); Scott (8-5, 148 SO 2.35 ERA); and Fernando Valenzuela, Los Angeles' (10-4, 111SO, 3.04 ERA).

American League

First Base-The premiere position in the AL belongs to Joyner this year (.289, 19 HR, 55 RBI). Also good are New York's Don Mattingly, the AL MVP a year ago (.339, 13 HR, 55 RBI); Baltimore's Eddie Murray, the most consistent player this decade (.289, 11 HR, 50 RBI); and Minnesota's Kent Hrbek (.327, 17 HR, 55 RBI).

Second Base-The fans like Lou Whitaker of Detroit (.275, 8 HR, 32 RBI) and then Willie Randolph of New York (.278, 1 HR, 30 RBI). Tony Phillips of Oakland is vastly improved, but may be a year away.

Third Base-The race is between Boggs and Kansas City's George Brett. The fans like Brett (.295, 8 HR, 39 RBI) one of my favorite players. But Boggs is much better (.380, 5 HR, 37 RBI). By hitting 85 points higher and close to Brett's power, how can Boggs be overlooked?

Shortstop-They should rename this position Cal Ripken, Jr. the Baltimore Oriole continues to play every inning of every game and puts up impressive numbers (.270, 8 HR, 32 RBI).

Outfield-This is where the fans voting show their ignorance. They pick Rickey Henderson of New York (.286, 14 HR, 43 RBI, 70 Runs, 46 SB); Dave Winfield, also of New York (.226, 12 HR, 47 RBI), and California's Reggie Jackson (.319, 7 HR, 27 RBI). Sorry guys but none of these would be my choice. Henderson is a good all-around player and I like Reggie, but only 7 HR and 27 RBI? Playing behind Joyner must be tough. Kerby Pichett of Minnesota is phenomenal (.341, 15 HR, 43 RBI). Milwaukee's Robin Yount is hitting .360. Then there's Jesse Barfield of Toronto (.299, 19 HR, 54 RBI); another Twin, Tom Buranansky is impressive, too (.290, 17 HR, 45 RBI); and Oakland rookie phenom Jose Canseco (.267, 19 HR, 64 RBI). See what I mean? Take your pick.

Catcher-Lance Parrish, Detroit, who I think is the best catcher in either league. Yes, better than Carter. Parrish's numbers read: (.252, 17 HR, 51 RBI).

Pitcher-No doubt about it, Clemens is the one. Despite his 14-0 mark he also has the league lead in SO's with 125, and an ERA of 2.18. Any other year Baltimore's Mike Boddicker would get the nod (10-2, 80 SO's, 3.86 ERA).

Next week: a wrap-up of Wimbledon.

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